

**PARISH OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

**Population of the Parish**

The population growth trend of the Parish of Washington is as follows:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PARISH POPULATION</b>	<b>STATE POPULATION</b>
1950	38,371	2,683,516
1960	44,015	3,257,022
1970	41,987	3,644,637
1980	44,207	4,205,900
1990	43,185	4,219,973
1991	43,322	4,251,560
1992	43,627	4,287,195
1993	43,859	4,295,477
1994	43,378	4,315,085
1995	43,127	4,339,352
1996	43,349	4,350,579
1997	43,736	4,351,769
1998	44,341	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

**Population of Municipalities**

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Washington are as follows:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ANGIE</b>	<b>BOGALUSA</b>	<b>FRANKLINTON</b>	<b>VARNADO</b>
1960	254	21,423	3,141	331
1970	317	18,412	3,562	320
1980	311	16,976	4,119	249
1990	235	14,280	4,007	236
1991	235	14,301	4,006	256
1992	235	14,362	3,972	282
1993	235	14,386	4,022	282
1994	235	14,462	4,083	303
1995	235	14,535	4,112	306
1996	235	14,522	4,117	310
1997	235	14,506	4,154	310
1998	235	14,566	4,154	310

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

## **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

### **Personal Income**

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>UNITED STATES</b>
1990	\$11,030	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,632	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$12,611	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$14,081	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$15,403	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$15,829	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$16,177	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$16,722	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

### **Retail Sales**

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Washington Parish were as follows:

*(In Thousands)*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Retail Sales</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Eat/Drink</b>	<b>Gen Mdse</b>	<b>Furn/Appl</b>	<b>Auto</b>
1991	\$191,843	\$62,289	\$12,805	\$23,537	\$5,384	\$24,589
1992	\$190,754	\$54,129	\$14,091	\$26,087	\$6,672	\$22,387
1993	\$197,378	\$51,590	\$14,894	\$28,425	\$6,962	\$25,166
1994	\$236,978	\$61,382	\$19,546	\$31,804	\$7,999	\$44,005
1995	\$272,944	\$76,539	\$20,998	\$33,092	\$8,486	\$51,784
1996	\$290,426	\$71,077	\$24,280	\$35,432	\$9,988	\$58,146
1997	\$307,051	\$71,150	\$23,079	\$35,365	\$10,914	\$60,093

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

## SALES TAXES

### Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Washington as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
WASHINGTON PARISH	3.5		3.5	4	7.5
ANGIE	3.5	1	4.5	4	8.5
BOGALUSA	1.5	3	4.5	4	8.5
FRANKLINTON	3.5	1	4.5	4	8.5
VARNADO	3.5	1	4.5	4	8.5
WARD 4 (OUTSIDE BOGALUSA)	2.5		2.5	4	6.5

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

### Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$18,861	\$20,192	\$21,382	\$22,572	\$21,802
February	\$26,984	\$19,806	\$19,404	\$19,001	\$21,487
March	\$27,469	\$23,014	\$19,914	\$16,814	\$18,653
April	\$19,105	\$21,778	\$20,882	\$19,985	\$20,481
May	\$23,002	\$21,662	\$20,337	\$19,011	\$20,793
June	\$23,118	\$17,544	\$18,748	\$19,951	\$20,654
July	\$20,453	\$20,528	\$20,603	\$22,151	\$21,900
August	\$21,963	\$21,498	\$21,032	\$18,930	\$21,000
September	\$26,835	\$23,144	\$19,453	\$19,086	\$19,321
October	\$23,758	\$21,220	\$18,681	\$21,062	\$20,977
November	\$19,031	\$20,243	\$18,370	\$19,729	\$21,778
December	\$22,405	\$22,693	\$17,934	\$23,353	\$23,353
Annual Total	\$272,986	\$253,323	\$236,739	\$241,644	\$252,198

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

## **PROPERTY TAXES**

### **Assessed Valuation of the Parish**

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Washington is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Taxable Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>Homestead Exemptions</b>	<b>Total Assessed Valuation</b>
1990	\$52,672,460	\$30,801,290	\$83,473,750
1991	\$57,696,240	\$30,947,410	\$88,643,650
1992	\$59,143,550	\$31,327,050	\$90,470,600
1993	\$60,133,650	\$31,710,760	\$91,844,410
1994	\$62,384,990	\$32,086,110	\$94,471,100
1995	\$64,329,830	\$32,914,720	\$97,244,550
1996	\$76,825,090	\$35,039,480	\$111,864,570
1997	\$78,862,810	\$35,966,680	\$114,829,490
1998	\$81,333,660	\$37,555,570	\$118,889,230

Source: Washington Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>Public Service</b>
1990	\$48,125,450	\$13,209,760	\$22,138,540
1991	\$48,216,050	\$17,704,980	\$22,722,620
1992	\$48,693,380	\$18,636,220	\$23,141,000
1993	\$49,142,170	\$19,153,920	\$23,548,320
1994	\$49,666,620	\$20,427,910	\$24,376,570
1995	\$50,845,860	\$19,477,660	\$26,921,030
1996	\$57,845,650	\$23,214,190	\$30,804,730
1997	\$60,189,010	\$22,841,000	\$31,799,480
1998	\$61,914,410	\$24,958,500	\$32,016,320

### **Millage Rates**

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Washington follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Millage</b>
1990	31.55
1991	31.55
1992	31.55
1993	30.45
1994	30.45
1995	30.08
1996	33.45
1997	33.45
1998	33.45

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Washington Parish Assessor's Office.

## Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Washington in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

<b>TAXPAYER</b>	<b>ASSESSED VALUATION</b>
1. GAYLORD CONTAINER CORPORATION	\$12,514,130
2. FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION CO	\$7,926,530
3. ENTERGY LOOUISIANA, INC	\$7,586,880
4. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$4,737,510
5. SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS CO	\$4,596,190
6. WEYERHAEUSER CO	\$3,575,550
7. WASHINGTON - ST. TAMMANY	\$2,768,280
8. HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK	\$1,647,920
9. CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC CO.	\$1,591,560
10. HANCOCK BANK	\$1,301,060

Source: Washington Parish Assessor's Office.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS

### Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Washington Parish school system are as follows:

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	4,726	4,364	4,588	4,526
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	4,949	4,583	4,894	4,749
PUBLIC	5,177	5,041	4,983	4,834

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

### Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Washington Parish School Board are as follows:

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$25,643	\$25,348	\$25,967	\$28,301
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,606	\$4,537	\$5,120	\$5,299
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$28,402	\$231,734	\$249,486	\$3,127,239
DEBT SERVICE	\$751,350	\$746,031	\$750,260	\$742,431
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$22,791,402	\$22,698,325	\$24,163,018	\$25,262,223

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.